

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Roane for his assistance in the prosecution of this application and for the notice of allowance. Applicants have hereby submitted a set of formal drawings and proposed amendments to the specification to correct minor clerical errors.

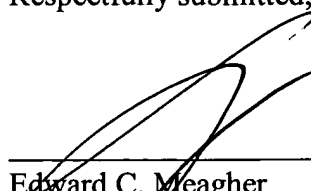
Applicants have enclosed a set of formal drawings (i.e., Figures 1-3) to replace the non-formal drawings that are currently of record. The only substantial change made to the figures was changing reference number 180 in FIG. 2 to reference number 181. No new matter is believed to be introduced by this amendment.

Applicants have amended four sentences in the specification to correct minor clerical errors in the allowed application. Specifically, reference number 180 had previously been assigned to two different features. Applicants have thus amended paragraphs [0024], [0029] and [0032], to change the reference number of the monitor from 180 to 181. As mentioned above, Figure 2 has also been amended accordingly. Applicants have also amended paragraph [0026] of the specification to correct the reference number of the cannula.

It is respectfully submitted that these proposed amendments have no effect on the patentability of the allowed claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the formal drawings and the amendments to the specification be entered.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, he is requested to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE FIGURES:

Please replace informal Figures 1-3 which are currently on file, with formal Figures 1-3 attached hereto.